

ABSTRACT

An image forming apparatus including an image reading device configured to read an image of an original document, an image forming device configured to form an image on a sheet in accordance with image data read by the image reading device and an operation unit connecting device configured to detachably connect an operation unit. The operation unit is configured to accept inputting of operational instructions operating the image forming apparatus. Also included is a process controller configured to control the image forming apparatus to operate, and an expansion unit connecting device configured to connect an additionally attachable expansion unit, and in which the expansion unit includes an expansion operation control device configured to allocate the image reading device or image forming device to a job. Further, the process controller controls the operation unit to operate and receives control command from the expansion control device to perform image formation. Also included is a method and computer program product for controlling an image forming apparatus.

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